TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SECOND COUNCIL.

FIRST SESSION OF 1102.

(OFFICIAL REPORT.)

Tuesday, the 8th Vrischikam 1102/23rd November 1926.

The Council re-assembled in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at 11-34 of the clock, M. R. Ry. V. Subba Aiyar, Avl., B. A., B. L., Deputy President, presiding. All the members were present.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Account Office.

21. *MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): In regard to the Account Office, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the different Sections of the Office, the number of employés in each Section and the nature and quantity of work in each Section, ten years ago and at present;

(*b*) whether the quantity of work in any Section has decreased, owing to devolution or other causes, at any time during the last 20 years, from what it was before;

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, the names of the Sections, the amount of the decrease of work, and the extent of the decrease of employés, if any;

(*d*) whether there has been any decrease of work in the Insurance Section of the Account Office during the last 20 years; and

(*e*) if the answer to part (*d*) is in the affirmative, whether there has been any corresponding decrease in the number of employes in the Section?

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) A statement* showing the staff of Superintendents and clerks in the several Sections of the Account Office as on 1st Chingam 1092, and on 1st Chingam 1102, is laid on the table.

The nature of the work is briefly given in the statement. It is difficult to convey a fair idea of the quantity of work of the various classes done by the several units. Details in regard to any particular class of work can be furnished.

(*b*) The answer is in the negative.

(*c*) This does not arise.

* *Vide* Appendix I—pages 118 to 121.

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[Mr. K. N. Ramasubba Aiyar.]

(*d*) The total volume of transactions (receipts and payments) stood at Rs. 16,286 in 1080, and is at Rs. 45,408 now. There is no separate clerk for this work. The audit work is done by an auditor doing this part-time, (*i. e.*, along with other work) and the clerical work connected with the administration of the fund (which was taken over by the Finance Department in 1085 M. E.) is looked after by a clerk similarly working part-time.

(*e*) This does not arise.

Statement, by Castes, of Persons paying Land Tax.

22. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the total amount and the percentage of the land tax paid by the different communities in the State, namely, Roman Catholic Christians, other Christians, Mahomedans, Nairs, Nanjinad Vellalas, Malayala Brahmins, Paradesi Brahmins, other Savarna Hindus, Ezhavas, Kammalas, other Avarna Hindus, Animists, Jews and other unspecified classes?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative as the information is not available now and as its collection will entail much labour.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Are the Government aware that such a statement was prepared and given by the Cochin Government in answer to an interpellation by a member of the Council there?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Government have no information.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Are not the Government aware of the fact that the claims of the different communities in the State for representation in public service are being vehemently pressed by the prominent members of the different communities in the State?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, the Government are aware.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): In view of that fact, is it not desirable to prepare the statement of the kind required?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The preparation of the statement involves enormous labour.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Cannot the information be collected from the *tandaper*?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The *tandaper* accounts form the basis from which the information required could be gathered, but that does not give any information as to the caste to which each holder belongs. Therefore, an elaborate enquiry will have to be instituted in order to ascertain the caste of each *tandaper*-holder. That will involve a lot of expense, labour and time.

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Appendix I—(*contd.*)

Sections.	Details of Work.	Super-intend-ents.	Audit-ors and clerks.	Sections.	Details of Work.	Super-intend-ents.	Audit-ors and clerks.
III. Section 'B'	Audit of the accounts of Kalkulam Treasury, Kottayam Treasury and Devicolam Treasury, and preparation of the several Classified Abstracts ...	1	9	III. Section 'B'	Audit of the accounts of Trivandrum Treasury and Kottayam Treasury and preparation of the Classified Abstracts ...	1	12
IV. Section 'C'	Audit of the accounts of Forest Department, Public Works Department, Anchal Hundies ...	1	14	IV. D. A. /P. A. Section.	*Departmental Accounts.* Forest accounts, Public Works accounts including Maramath accounts, Hundi accounts. *Pre-Audit.* Pre-audit of some sections of Trivandrum payments ...	1	18
V. Gazetted Audit and Pension Section.	Audit of Gazetted Officers' salaries and allowances, reporting on all personal questions *re* leave and allowances. Scale register showing actual staff against sanctioned scale under every class and grade. General questions under the Service Regulations, and preparation and publication of the Civil List and the History of Services.			V. Gazetted Audit and Pension Section.	No substantial change in the nature of work ...	1	12

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Gazetted Audit & Pension Section *contd.*	Pension verification and report, pension payments (Civil and Military), issue of payment orders and audit of payments including pre-audit and payment of Trivandrum pensioners ...	1	11				
VI. Book Section.	Compilation of the State Accounts, Budget, Resource, including Surplus Investments, Interest audit, Debt Heads, Charitable Endowments, Life Insurance, Savings Bank, Accounts with Foreign States ...	1	13	VI. Book Section.	No substantial change in the nature of work.	1	15
VII. Outside Audit Section.	Town Improvement Committees' accounts and audit. Local audit of various institutions, inspection of Treasuries, Public Works and Forest Divisional Offices and various other institutions.	1	6	VII A. Deposits and Funds Section.	*Deposits and Funds.* Devaswom accounts and audit, Municipal and other Fund accounts, and audit. Deposits (Revenue, Judicial and Personal) ...	1	15
				VII B. Inspection Branch.	Trivandrum town, outside audits and inspections. Mofussil inspections and local audits. Disposal of all inspection notes ...	...	8

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VIII. Pre-Audit Section.	Trivandrum Town Establishments. Pre-Audit and payment, payment of all sums due outside Travancore (by Bank cheque, draft etc.,) ...	1	8	VIII. Pre-Audit Section.	Payment work only is now done in this Section ...	...	4
IX. General Section.	General work including receipt, despatch and registration of inward and outward correspondence, fair copying of all reports, letters and inspection notes, arranging work of the menial staff, office establishment and contingencies. Record Branch	...	15	IX. General Section.	No change in the nature of work ...	...	14
X. Financial Section.	Financial Secretariat work including Life Insurance, corrections to Codes, work in connection with the Mint, and Stamps (Manufactory and Central Depot), and Public debt ...	...	5	X. Financial Section.	Financial Secretariat work ...	1	6
	Total ...	8	100		Total ...	8	122*

* This is exclusive of the 4 additional clerks sanctioned from this year (1102) in connection with the increase of Savings Bank work. The 22 additional men were given on account of increase of Savings Bank work (2), Outside audit and inspection work, including audit of municipal accounts (6), Public Debt (1) and for increase of audit and routine work in general (13).